

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/669,971  
Filing Date: September 24, 2003  
Applicant: Nathan A. Winslow  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: Javier G. Blanco  
Title: EXTENDED ARTICULAR SURFACE RESURFACING  
HEAD  
Attorney Docket: 5490-000337

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RENEWED RCE**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 10, 2008, and the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) dated February 26, 2009, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.